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RICK PERRY FUNDRAISING**October 5, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how in Campaign 2012, Texas Governor Rick Perry is 'rolling in the dough'. He's only been campaigning for seven weeks, and he's already raised \$17 million. The Perry camp says it still has \$15 million cash on hand.

DREAM ACT SIGNED**October 8, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that Governor Brown has signed part two of California's Dream Act into law. It clears the way for illegal immigrants to receive student aid. They can also pay resident tuition rates.

LIBYA HILLARY CLINTON**October 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that the Obama administration is reaching out to the new government in Libya. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made an unannounced visit to the country and pledged millions of dollars in aid.

BROWN PENSIONS**October 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from Cal State L.A. with details on the big changes Governor Brown is proposing. Apparently the Governor is ready to shake up the state's pensions system, which is facing a massive financial crisis.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS**November 3, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Ines Ferret reports on how a third woman has come forward in the sexual harassment controversy surrounding Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain. Cain calls the allegations a smear campaign and believes Rick Perry's camp is behind it.

MAYOR ELECTION**November 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the mayoral race in San Francisco has been so contentious, voting today was being observed by federal election monitors. The Secretary of State called for the observers after getting complaints of ballot tampering from several candidates.

REPUBLICANS IOWA**November 19, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on how a forum on faith brought out raw emotions from Republican presidential candidates. Six candidates attended in Iowa, to discuss how religion would shape their public leadership.

ROMNEY CAMPAIGN**November 29, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Lenya Nguyen reports that former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney has stayed on message: he is running against Barack Obama, and says he can beat him. But the White House is also taking aim at Romney's campaign.

CAIN STEPPING ASIDE**December 5, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Danielle Nottingham reports that now that Herman Cain is out of the race, the remaining GOP candidates are scrambling to divide up his supporters and win his endorsement. It seems as though Newt Gingrich is benefiting the most.

OBAMA VS. CONGRESS**December 8, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that President Obama is locked in a pair of standoffs with Congress, and the clock is ticking toward the holiday recess. The White House says the payroll tax credit gave those 150 million Americans an additional \$1,000 in their paychecks this year.

PAYROLL TAX CUT**December 19, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on how it's getting down to the wire in Washington, where Republicans have blocked the latest attempt to extend the payroll tax cut. Millions of Americans who were counting on the cash may wind up with nothing by January 1st.

IOWA CAMPAIGN 2012**December 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Danielle Nottingham reports on how the Iowa caucuses are only a week away and there is still not a clear Republican frontrunner. All the candidates are trying to win over undecided voters.

MANHUNT ENDS**October 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on breaking news—a 24-hour manhunt comes to an end with the capture of a 'person of interest' in a series of freeway shootings in San Diego.

SCIENCE TEACHER ARREST**October 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on how a Simi Valley high school science teacher is being accused of robbing a convenience store clerk at knifepoint.

SHALLOW GRAVE**October 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live from Norwalk where a body was found in a shallow grave. Just days later, there is a second body in a shallow grave in Long Beach. A teenage girl and her boyfriend are accused of double murder: her mom and stepdad.

YORBA LINDA BODIES**October 26, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports that a man is in custody, just hours after two people were found dead in Yorba Linda. A neighbor reported loud noises coming from a house late last night, and officers subsequently found two bodies inside.

GRIM SLEEPER**November 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on a ghoulish case, as police detail how the accused 'grim sleeper' serial killer kept personal items, or 'trophies' from each of his victims. Tonight there was a community meeting where police revealed the new information.

JEWELRY STORE ROBBERY**November 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that a violent crew of robbers is on the loose after a jewelry heist in Glendale, where a store employee was beaten. Video from a nearby security camera shows the suspects making their getaway.

DEADLY BAR FIGHT**November 22, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports live from Redlands with our top story. A fight in a bar became a fight outside a bar, all caught on camera. Seconds later, a gunshot rang out and a young man was dead. The victim's mother is making an emotional plea to the killer.

FATHER KILLED**November 28, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that the LAPD needs your help to find a killer who gunned down a father in South L.A. Police say their best clues are from the victim's young son, who witnessed his dad's murder.

ALTADENA BREAK-INS**December 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Ann Sterling reports live from Altadena, where people in one neighborhood say thieves are preying on homes without power. There's been a jump in burglaries since the wind storm hit Altadena, so people are taking extra steps to help protect their property.

VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING**December 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports on breaking news happening at Virginia Tech, where the search is on for the gunman who shot and killed a police officer and a second person this morning. This is the same university where a student went on a shooting rampage four years ago.

SEX CRIMES ARREST**December 21, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that police have arrested a 19-year-old Santa Clarita man. They say he is a sexual predator who assaulted girls—some as young as 12 years old. Investigators have now discovered even more potential victims.

GARAGE ARSONS**December 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports that a massive search is on this afternoon for the fire-starter. The arsonist had people scrambling from their beds, sent police on tactical alert and even disrupted power in some neighborhoods.

ATTITUDE DEMENTIA

October 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how your attitude later in life could play a role in your chances of developing dementia. Researchers in France found that people 65 years or older who rated their health as poor or fair were more likely to develop memory problems than people who felt good.

VITAMIN E PROSTATE

October 11, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that health officials recently put out a warning about vitamin supplement dangers for older women, but now there's a vitamin warning for men. A new study suggests too much Vitamin E could be putting men at risk for prostate cancer.

MEDICAL WRISTBANDS

October 17, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that thousands of Southern Californians who need medical care are waiting to see doctors at the L.A. Sports Arena. Organizers gave out 5,000 wristbands for admission to a free clinic later in the week.

SKIN CANCER SCAN

October 28, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports that more than 13 million Americans have a recurring history of non-melanoma skin cancer. They often have scarring from biopsies and surgery, but a new technology is helping to change that.

SALT STUDY

November 9, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that of course you've heard the advice over & over: cut back on the salt if you want to lower your blood pressure. But that expert medical advice is being challenged. It seems a low-salt diet could actually have a few negative consequences.

HEART STEM CELLS**November 14, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that researchers have announced major advances in treating heart failure. For the first time, doctors are using a patient's own cardiac stem cells to help repair their hearts.

ACNE SORE THROATS**November 21, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports on how acne is the most common skin condition, and many use antibiotics to clear it up. But now many of those patients are also getting sore throats as a result of that treatment choice.

LIPITOR GOES GENERIC**November 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that the best-selling prescription drug ever is now available in a generic form. Lipitor is prescribed to lower cholesterol. The new generic not only means it will cost less for those who want to go generic, but also for those who want to keep on taking Lipitor.

PROBIOTICS**December 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that patients who take probiotics actually might be able to reduce their time in intensive care. Doctors in China found that ICU recovery times improved when they added probiotics to a patient's feeding tube.

BREAST CANCER MEMORY**December 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how going through breast cancer treatment can be physically tough. But now researchers find it also can be particularly tough on a patient's mind, in a variety of ways.

DEPRESSION MEDS**December 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there's a new blood test that could predict how a patient will respond to medications for depression. Loyola University Medical Center researchers are reporting on what could become the first reliable method to tell if an antidepressant will actually work on a patient.

JUICE CLEANSING**December 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that a New Year's resolution for a lot of people is to eat right and get healthy. For some, that means starting off with a cleansing diet made up of juiced fruits and vegetables.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN**October 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Soledad O'Brien reports that the Cherokee nation will soon be electing their Chief, but as the vote nears, a controversy is brewing over who will and who won't cast ballots. Hundreds of African-Americans with Cherokee ancestry say they're being denied a voice.

NEW ROSE QUEEN**October 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the 2012 Tournament of Roses has a queen. The President of the Tournament of Roses, Rick Jackson, made the announcement that the 94th Rose Queen is 16-year-old Drew Helen Washington from Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

OBAMA LATINO SUPPORT**October 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that President Obama is about to arrive in L.A. again for two mega fundraisers. He's also going all-out to court the crucial Latino vote in a glamorous way.

SEAL BEACH TOWN HALL**October 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Seal Beach residents will be able to share their grief and concerns about the salon massacre, at a town hall meeting. Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and police will be holding the community meeting.

A HERO HONORED**November 1, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on how a fallen firefighter is honored by a community that knew and loved him. Two years after he laid down his life, his name is being remembered in a special way.

BEL AIR FIRE 50TH**November 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on what was called the Bel Air Holocaust—50 years ago today, a firestorm raged across Bel Air and Brentwood, destroying almost 500 homes. A ceremony was held at Fire Station 71 in Westwood to remember the fire and honor the 2,500 firefighters who risked their lives to save the community.

JACKSON LIMO TURKEY**November 22, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Jackson Limousine Service is handing out 10,000 turkey meals at its Hyde Park facility. Some recipients camped out for days, to make sure they would get some of the free food. This is the 23rd year the founder of Jackson Limousine has given back to the community.

L.A. MISSION DINNER**November 24, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that volunteers at the L.A. Mission served up a Thanksgiving feast to thousands on Skid Row. They fed 3,500 people today with 3,000 pounds of turkey, plus all the trimmings.

RICK GARCIA TREE LIGHTING**December 4, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that the Santa Clarita Valley is looking a lot like Christmas as the community gathered for a huge holiday celebration. The tree lighting festival was held in Valencia, and KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia was the emcee.

SWEET ALICE PARTY**December 14, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how Sweet Alice is making the holidays sweeter for some needy kids in Watts. The community activist held her annual toy giveaway, and this year more than 300 third graders from nearby schools took part.

KOREATOWN REACTION**December 19, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that Southern California's Korean-American community is reacting with optimism but also concern, to the death of Kim Jong-il.

HENRY'S TACOS CLOSING**December 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on how a staple of the Studio City community could be on the verge of closing. For the past 50 years, Henry's Tacos has been in business on the corner of Tujunga and Moorpark. But now, the landlord apparently wants to blow out the taco stand, and customers in the community say they're not happy.

BLACK BEAR IN TREE

October 1, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that a man spotted a 400-pound black bear, and the bear then scrambled 50 feet up a tree. The close encounter happened in Carpinteria near Santa Barbara. Fish and Game authorities were called out, but could not use a tranquilizer gun because the bear was so big and so high off the ground.

SIERRA MADRE LIONS

October 4, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that a local neighborhood is still buzzing about a pair of mountain lions found lounging on a lawn. The duo turned up just after midnight in front of a house on Camillo Street in Sierra Madre.

WASTE-FREE LUNCHES

October 26, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on how parents can affect positive change by simply changing the way they pack their kids' lunches. Individual packages and juice boxes are not only more costly than buying in bulk, but they're also rough on the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends some other options.

DAM BUSTING

October 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that thanks to the handiwork of more than a hundred volunteers who busted up dams, the environment around Big Tujunga Creek is cleaner and safer. A local non-profit group assisted the L.A. River Ranger District in taking apart dams built by summer visitors in the San Gabriel Mountains.

SIERRA SNOW

November 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports as part of our Storm Watch coverage, that to the north the storm actually dumped enough snow in the Sierra to mean an early start to the ski season.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE**November 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that one of the hottest debates about the environment today is an uproar over the Keystone XL Pipeline. The project would send oil from Canada all the way to American refineries along the gulf coast.

TOXIC LAND**November 10, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that more than 1,000 former residents and neighbors of a Willow brook apartment complex are demanding environmental justice. The complex and a daycare center are just south of Watts. They were built on contaminated ground, and now the buildings are at the core of many mysterious illnesses.

L.A. LIVE RECYCLING**November 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on 'America Recycles Day'. As part of the celebration, there's a free event at L.A. Live, where you can do curbside drop-offs of e-waste. Workers will be there waiting to help you unload old computers, printers and other items so they can be properly recycled.

OC WIND**November 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports that firefighters are on high alert, as we are under red flag warnings. The fire conditions are said to be extremely dangerous.

STORM RECAP**December 2, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports the latest details on the power outages around Southern California. The storm knocked out the heat and lights for thousands of people.

PASADENA DEBRIS**December 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that Pasadena city workers are racing to get storm debris off the streets before this next round of winds hit. Workers have picked up 18,000 tons of debris from the violent windstorm two weeks ago—that's as much as they normally collect in a year.

DEADLY BLIZZARD**December 20, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a powerful blizzard has shut down highways in five states, and barreled deeper into the plains states. It's now being blamed for half a dozen deaths, along with countless problems for residents and travellers.

RECYCLING WRAPPING**December 29, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Alex Cabrero reports on how wrapping paper, boxes and everything left over from your holiday celebrations could all end up in a landfill. But it doesn't have to—there is one recycling plant that's turning this year's leftovers into next year's giftwrap.

WORLD BULLYING DAY

October 3, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that students and their teachers are banding together in honor of World Bullying Prevention Day. The parents are calling for changes in how New York schools handle chronic harassment.

iPAD KIDS

October 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Bill Whitaker reports on how a Woodland Hills school recently gave each of their 570 students an iPad, and teachers have already seen immediate benefits in test scores. Some are saying Steve Jobs' most enduring legacy may be in the classroom.

ADHD GUIDELINES

October 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that the American Academy of Pediatrics is out with new guidelines for diagnosing and treating ADHD in children as young as four years old. It's the first time the group has recommended treatment for children that young.

TUITION CRUNCH

October 29, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that California's public universities are becoming unaffordable for many students. With tuition and fees hitting eight to 12-thousand dollars a year and higher, some are dropping out or transferring to community colleges.

JUNIOR KUMON

November 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on how every parent would love to give their child a head-start to a great education. But the question is being raised, are some parents going too far in their efforts to turn their toddler into a scholar? According to the Kumon program, their courses have a very high success rate.

HOSPITAL ART CARD**November 10, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports on how CBS-2 & KCAL-9 were at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, asking some of their young artists-in-residence to help design the news stations' annual greeting card.

SHORTER SCHOOL YEAR**November 16, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Sylvia Lopez reports on how there are more budget problems, as public school students across California could soon feel a noticeable impact from the state's budget mess. The school year could be cut short.

ANTI-BULLYING**November 29, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Southland students are taking action with a new campaign against bullying. It's a 48-foot-long billboard unveiled along La Cienega Boulevard in the South Robertson area. Students from nearby Pressman Academy launched the program three years ago.

CHIPS FOR KIDS**December 5, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Lisa Sigell reports on how you can help make the holidays brighter for local youngsters. KCAL has teamed up with the CHP, for the Chips For Kids toy drive. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Chips For Kids locations across southern California.

TEACHERS CONTRACT**December 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that the L.A. Unified School District wants to eliminate outsiders from being able to take over schools for the next three years. That would essentially dismantle the public school choice program.

SLEEP APNEA KIDS**December 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that if your preschooler frequently wakes up crying in the middle of the night, the problem may be a medical-related issue. Sleep Apnea isn't just a disorder for adults—it's waking kids up, too.

SCHOOL LEFTOVERS**December 27, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how a local elementary school has a New Year's present for needy families. The Jaime Escalante Elementary School in Cudahy will donate unopened entrée items, fruits, vegetables and milk to the Southeast Churches Service Center.

GAS PRICES

October 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that prices at the gas pump continue to fall. The average price for gas in L.A. is now \$3.84 a gallon. In the Inland Empire it's \$3.83, and in Orange County it's \$3.81. It's the 21st straight day prices dropped. Crude oil has been dropping because of concern over the world economy.

JOB CREATION

October 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Russ Mitchell reports that the economy added more than 100,000 jobs last month, but that wasn't enough to budge the unemployment rate from 9.1%. Now businesses that want to hire new workers say they're being frustrated by banks.

FOOD PRICES

October 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there is some encouraging news about food prices. They are expected to rise at a slower rate next year than they have in the past few years. Farmers say they have a larger-than-expected surplus of corn, which is used in everything from animal feed and cereal to soft drinks.

NEW ATTACK ON HOUSING

October 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jessica Yellin reports that President Obama recently unveiled a plan to make it easier for struggling homeowners to refinance their mortgage. It's the latest attempt to attack the housing crisis and help spur the economy.

SURVIVE ECONOMY

November 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there is new concern about money-saving websites, and how they might be costing you money. According to some, consumer spending on daily deal sites like Groupon

is soaring at an annual increase of 35%. Financial experts say these daily deals bring on the impulse for people to often buy things they don't need.

EXTREME COUPONING

November 8, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Sherry Williams reports that although many people use coupons to save a bit of money, some so-called 'extreme couponers' have figured out a way to save hundreds of dollars. She offers some tips on how to survive this economy with coupons and smart choices.

FAKE WI-FI SCAMS

November 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Ted Rowlands reports a warning to holiday travelers. If you use Wi-Fi to access the internet at an airport, you could be giving hackers access to your accounts and highly personal information. He shows how easy it is to fall victim to Wi-Fi scammers.

ECONOMY SHOPPING

November 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL Reporter Tony Guida reports that as the Thanksgiving weekend comes to an end, a new survey finds that 226 million shoppers visited stores and websites, which is up 14 million people from last year.

HONDA RECALL

December 2, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Honda has expanded its recall to replace the airbags in more of its cars. The company says the issue is that the driver's airbag may deploy with too much pressure, injuring the driver.

COUNTERFEIT CRACKDOWN

December 6, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how lawmakers say counterfeiting and piracy are taking a toll on the local economy. It's estimated L.A. County lost \$483 million in tax revenue and more than 106,000 jobs.

ECONOMY IMPROVING

December 22, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that there is more evidence that the economy is in recovery mode, as we head into 2012. The job market is showing slow but steady improvement. Unemployment

claims dropped to the lowest level since April of 2008, in addition to other positive signs.

CONSUMER LIGHT BULBS**December 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Whit Johnson reports that the upcoming weekend may be the last chance you have to buy a 100-watt light bulb. They're being phased out under a law that eventually will affect every home and business. It's the biggest change in lighting for more than a century.